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To whom it may concern

Network Rail Proposed Resilience Work - Parsons Tunnel to Teignmouth

Teignmouth Town Councillors discussed the latest round of consultation at an Extraordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 25 February 2020. Whilst Councillors acknowledge that changes have been made in response to feedback, they still feel that a great deal more can be done to achieve the best result.

Councillors unanimously agreed to request that a review be immediately undertaken in conjunction with local stakeholders and councils to consider all engineering options to defend the railway, improve public safety and to reduce the negative impact on local communities, businesses and the environment. The review could benefit Network Rail by delivering not only greater line resilience and service reliability, but by encouraging more members of the public to travel by rail for the enhanced experience our coastal railway resorts could offer.

Key comments made by Councillors included:

- Concerns raised about how the work will affect the coastline in the wider area not just at Teignmouth and Holcombe
- The railway is paramount to the area with 60 return journeys a day between Teignmouth and Exeter
- A request that the beach groynes are sorted and the beach re-charged in conjunction with the Environment Agency so that the beach is in a sound condition before any work takes place
- Disappointment that the environmental impact assessment has not yet been done
- There are no wave buoys monitoring the sea
- A request to improve other amenities, for example, the instalment of a lift at the railway station to improve accessibility
- There is a need to strengthen the cliffs to protect properties and the railway

- The railway line is also important for freight, not just passengers
- Would be beneficial to have a safer path.

We thank you for the opportunities to enable people to feed back on the plans.

Yours faithfully



**Councillor Robert Phipps
Town Mayor**



**Councillor David Matthews
Chairman of Finance and General
Purposes Committee**